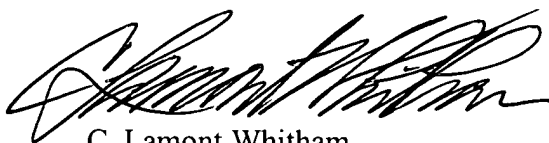


**REMARKS**

This amendment is made to correct a typographical error in claim 1 as listed in the Appeal Brief filed August 25, 2003. The error was called to the attention of the undersigned during the oral argument on November 16, 2004, and is noted in footnote 1 at the bottom of page 2 of the Decision on Appeal mailed December 1, 2004.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, early notification of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lamont Whitham', is written over a horizontal line.

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